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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Makoto Ono, et al.

Application No.: 10/004,168

Filed: October 30, 2001

For: INSPECTION SYSTEM AND
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE
MANUFACTURING METHOD

Examiner: Unassigned

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.125, please substitute the specification as originally filed, excluding the claims and the Abstract, with the specification attached hereto as Appendix A. The substitute specification includes no new matter.

A marked up version of the specification of record showing all changes including the matter to be deleted and the matter to be added is submitted herewith as Appendix B.